GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite implementation of various rural development schemes, the pace of development in the urban areas far exceeds the rural conglomorates;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the allocation of funds for the various rural development schemes is on the decline over a period of time;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise for the last three years and the current year alongwith the reasons therefore;

(e) whether the Government proposes to step up funds allocation, for rural development programmes, in view of the recent rise in poverty estimates in rural areas; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. C. P. JOSHI)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 368 for reply on 06.12.2010

(a)&(b): The pace of economic development, in general, is measured in terms of growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP). In India, the GDP is estimated by the Central Statistical Office (CSO) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. It is done for various sectors of the economy. As details of GDP originating from rural areas and urban areas is not carried out by CSO, comparison between the pace of development in urban and rural areas is not possible.

(c)&(d): The allocation of funds (Plan) under various rural development Programmes/Schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development is increasing consistently. The budgetary allocations (Revised Estimates - RE) has increased from Rs.37360 crore in 2007-08 to Rs.67254 crore in 2008-09 and further to Rs.73479.00 crore in 2009-10. The budgetary allocation (Budget Estimate) stands at Rs. 79340 crore during the current financial year (2010-11). State-wise central release under the major rural development programmes for the last three year (2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10) and current year (up to October, 2010) are given at the Annexure.

(e)&(f): The allocation of funds under Rural Development Programmes is made based on the need assessment and absorption capacity of various programmes. As may be seen from para (c) & (d), there has been consistently higher plan allocation in recent years for rural development Programmes/Schemes.